

FAIRFAX COUNTY CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2016

The January 28, 2016 meeting of the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council was held at the Fairfax County Government Center in Conference Room 232. Vice-Chairperson Missy Tuttle-Ferrio called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM with 17 members, staff and the guest speaker present. Introductions of attendees were made and a listing of those in attendance is included on the final pages of these minutes.

Speaker Presentation: Deputy Sheriff T.C. Dunn of Project Lifesaver

What is Project Lifesaver?

- Project Lifesaver assists families and caregivers of individuals with autism spectrum disorders, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's disease and related conditions and disabilities.
- Project Lifesaver clients wear a wrist or ankle band that emits a silent tracking signal. (This transmitter pulses every second, 24 hours a day.)
- When caregivers notify the Sheriff's Office that a loved one is missing, a search and rescue team comprised of specifically trained sheriff's deputies responds to the area with state-of-the-art tracking equipment.
- The program has a 100 percent track record of locating wandering adults and children and bringing them home.
- Without having to rely on site visits or paper files, deputies can electronically update client information, such as height and weight, a photograph, medical issues and favorite hiding places.
- Clients must be a resident of Fairfax County and must have a caregiver that will abide by rules and conditions
- Batteries will be changed monthly by Project Lifesaver staff.
- Project Lifesaver is entirely funded by donations.
- Currently have 180 active clients.
- Need is ever increasing – they increase clientele when they get more transmitters (donations.)
- 703-246-2805 (Sheriff's Office)
- www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sheriff/lifesaver.htm



Business Meeting

A quorum was not present so the minutes for the November 2015 meeting were not approved.

Old Business:

Award Certificates have been mailed out to recipients.

Committee Updates:

Outreach: The committee chair person is currently vacant.

Grants: Dean Sherick, Office of Emergency Management Community Outreach Liaison Assistant, reported the following grant information:

- Urban Area Security Initiatives FY2015 grant funds have been awarded through the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments and the Board of Supervisors has approved the grant package. Fairfax County is allocated \$282,000 during this period which runs from September 1, 2015 – May of 2017.
- OEM staff met with the different groups who utilize grant funds to provide an overview of the current process and project proposals are to be submitted for this grant cycle by Monday, February 8th.
- Andrew Sullivan is the new Grants Financial Manager for the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). Andrew's initial task has been reviewing the past two years of grant activity to ensure all was properly reconciled and correct.

Committee Updates, continued:

Membership: Jim Kirkpatrick, Membership Committee Chairperson, reported that he's looked into who (of current members) haven't attended any of the meetings last year and sent emails out accordingly. He is also looking into who should be added to the membership list for this next year. The Boy Scouts have expressed interest in returning as members.



Member Updates – Board of Supervisor Representatives:

At Large: Andrew Levy was not able to attend.

Braddock: James Sobecke was not able to attend.

Dranesville: Wes Callender reported out on the Dranesville district supervisor's efforts during Winter Storm Jonas. They were open to take calls the Monday following the storms as they received quite a few snow plow complaints. However, they had an organized, efficient way of tracking calls and calling individuals back.

Hunter Mill: Currently vacant

Lee: Linda Waller was not able to attend.

Mason: Brian Foley was not able to attend.

Mount Vernon: Jonathan Kiell reported that Supervisor Jerry Hyland retired. Dan Stork is the new supervisor for Mount Vernon. Mount Vernon will continue their annual town hall meeting tradition. There will be a fair prior to the town hall meeting where different organizations can set up booths to provide information to the public. Organizations who would like to participate should contact Jonathan for more information. The fair/town hall will be held on February 27th at Walt Whitman Intermediate School.

Providence: Al Potter was not able to attend.

Springfield: Jim Kirkpatrick reported that Springfield was featured on the news during Winter Storm Jonas.

Sully: Karrie Delaney was not able to attend.



Member Updates – Core Programs:

CERT: Jeff Katz reported that 240 people have made it through initial CERT class. They currently have 62 other classes available for CERT members who have gone through the initial training. CERT is currently utilizing the remainder of their FY14 UASI grant funds and will use the remainder by mid-March. CERT's HAM radio classes have been going well and instructors have received positive feedback. They have also begun to get CERT, MRC, ARES members to work together with HAM radio to get better widespread knowledge across volunteer organizations. CERT received a \$9,000 grant from VDEM for CERT Con which will be held in September. They are actively seeking for speakers for CERT Con – to speak on helping people be prepared –back to basics, etc. getting people reinvigorated.

Fire Corps: Daniel Liebman was not able to attend.

MRC: Tracey Serle reported that MRC has begun training new volunteers and making sure current volunteers stay engaged through drills. Their second quarter notification drill had a 69% response rate. MRC is training influenza vaccinators all throughout flu season and setting up classes for advanced emergency preparedness. Additionally, MRC will hold a Summit on the March 5th in order to entice new people into the program and re-train existing volunteers. MRC volunteers also helped during Winter Storm Jonas (as requested by the County) volunteers with CDLs were utilized as Fastran drivers.

Neighborhood Watch: Greg Fried reported that the Fairfax County Police Department had its soft launch for Next Door in order to better network with communities and neighborhoods in the County and to provide additional communications and outreach. Currently, there are 44,400 residents of Fairfax County registered for Next Door. Next Door is a free, private social network for neighbors and community. It's the easiest way to connect and talk with your neighbors about the things that matter in your neighborhood. The Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) for each district will be the point of contact. The CPOs will be putting out information about neighborhood meetings, crime tips, weather, etc. They will not be replacing public affairs, but rather act as another means of connecting with the community. The CPOs will not be able to see what people are talking about in different communities – they can just push information out. In order to form a neighborhood or community in Next Door you need at least 11 people.

VIPS/APO: Marc Mitchell reported that the Volunteers In Police Service and Auxiliary Police Officers program is transitioning and getting ready for the national accreditation process. They are hoping to have another APO academy for 2016, but things have slowed down a bit.



Member Updates – Affiliated Organizations:

American Red Cross: Unable to attend.

Fairfax ARES: Mary Moon reported that the Fairfax Amateur Radio Emergency Services group recently held/provided support at two events. For the first, ARES took equipment out to the Fairfax County Emergency Operations Center. For the second, they held a joint training exercise with CERT in Lorton.

FCIA: Faith Communities In Action had nothing to report.

Fairfax Local Emergency Planning Committee: Erik Peterson reported that he recently attended a conference on Volunteer and National Outreach Efforts in regards to preparing and responding to hazardous material acts.

Member Updates – Affiliated Organizations, continued:

Volunteer Fairfax: Maria Bernadzikowski reported that Volunteer Fairfax was activated (ESF-16) during Winter Storm Jonas. Volunteer Fairfax utilized volunteers with 4x4 vehicles (including many CERT members) in order to transport essential hospital personnel, dialysis/chemo radiation patients, and other individuals. Volunteers were also mobilized to assist individuals with special needs with snow shoveling. Volunteer Fairfax also reported that the Dranesville Community Resiliency Group (CRG) Tabletop Exercise will be held Thursday, February 11th from 6:00-8:30pm at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in McLean (8991 Brook Rd, McLean, VA 22102.) 73 individuals attended the Dranesville Seminar that was held earlier in the month – Tuesday, January 12th.)

Office of Emergency Management Staff Report:

Dean Sherick, Community Outreach Liaison Assistant, reported the following:

- A reminder that nominations are being sought by the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations and Volunteer Fairfax to recognize volunteers for the services they provided the community in 2015. Nominations are due to the Federation on January 31st and Volunteer Fairfax on Tuesday, February 9th for the April 8th at The Waterford in Springfield.
- Mark your calendars now for September 10 & 11, 2016 as the Citizen Corps Council has been invited to again provide the Ready-Set-Know project at the Burke Centre Annual Festival.

Office of Emergency Management Staff Report, continued:

- The Office of Emergency Management staff changes include the hiring of Sandi Fox, new Community Outreach Manager and the Outreach and Disabilities Integration position person is to start February 8th. Resumes for the Coordinator position were due December 18th so the next step expected will be a review of resumes that will be followed by interviews of candidates. OEM Coordinator Dave McKernan's last day will be March 4th. Also, we are expecting that the Continuity of Operations position should be announced in a couple of weeks.
- Work continues on the Citizen Corps Council websites to ensure the information provided is current. Updates have been to the Citizen Corps Council – Boards, Authorities and Commissions as well as having the meeting minutes from 2015 and 2016 meeting dates added.
- Reports are due from all organizations for the Board of Supervisors Annual Report. A template has been forwarded to report information for the core programs as well as other organizations that would like to have inclusion in the report. So far, the only report received has been from the Medical Reserve Corps.

New Business:

No new business to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Next meeting is Thursday, March 24th at 6:45pm in Conference Room 9-10.

**General Meeting – Sign In
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Name	Organization Represented	Present
Bernadizkowski, Maria *	Volunteer Fairfax	X
Braxton, Mary *	Virginia Alliance of Family Childcare	
Callender, Wes *	Dranesville District	X
Covin, Candice *	American Red Cross	
Cockayne, John *	Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations	
Craven, Steve *	NoVa Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster	
Delaney, Karrie *	Sully District	
Drost, Peggy (* Alternate)	Faith Communities In Action	
Ewing, Lawrence *	United Way	
Foley, Brian *	Mason District	X
Fox, Sandi	Office of Emergency Management – Staff	X
Fried, Gregory	Neighborhood Watch – Staff	X
Galliere, Susan (* Alternate)	Virginia Alliance of Family Childcare	
Hale, Judith *	Salvation Army	
Hart, Susan (* Alternate)	Boy Scouts of America	
Heppner, Cheryl (* Alternate)	NoVa Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing	
Katz, Jeffrey	Community Emergency Response Team – Staff	X
Kiell, Jonathan *	Mount Vernon District	X
Kirkpatrick, Jim *	Springfield District	X
Lambiase, Tom *	Faith Communities In Action	X
Leino, Rick (* Alternate)	American Red Cross	
Lelchook, Judith (* Alternate)	American Red Cross	
Levy, Andrew *	At-Large	
Liebman, Daniel *	Fire Corps	
McKernan, Dave	Office of Emergency Management – Staff	
Mitchell, Mark	Volunteers In Police Service – Staff	X
Moon, Mary (* Alternate)	Amateur Radio Emergency Services	X
Nieman, Charlene *	CrisisLink	
O’Leary, Bonnie *	NoVa Resource Center for Deaf & Hard of Hearing	
Patel, Tejas *	Boy Scouts of America	
Peterson, Erik (* Alternate)	Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee	X
Potter, Alan *	Providence District	
Powers, Dana	Community Emergency Response Team – Staff	
Robinette, Amelia *	Fairfax County Council of PTAs	
Rosca, Paula	Medical Reserve Corps – Staff	
Rudnicki, Ken *	Fairfax Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee	
Serle, Tracey *	Medical Reserve Corps	X
Sherick, Dean	Office of Emergency Management – Staff	X
Sobecke, James *	Braddock District (Chairperson)	X



Troutman, Jason	*	Fairfax County Amateur Radio Emergency Service	
Tuttle-Ferrio, Missy	*	Community Emergency Response Team (Vice-Chairperson)	X
Vajda, Frank	*	Neighborhood Watch	
Waller, Linda	*	Lee District	
Wheeler, Jennifer	*	Volunteers In Police Service	
		Hunter Mill	
		Fairfax County Public Schools Fire & EMS	
		Northern Virginia Technology Council	
ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES			
Dunn, TC Deputy		Sheriff's Office	X
Early, Beverly		Verbatim Reporting	

* Indicates Voting Member